

CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

October 27, 2015

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

COURTHOUSE ANNEX, ROOM 111

9:30 A.M.

Notice: These minutes are paraphrased and reflect the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners. MCA 7-4-2611 (2) (b). These minutes were officially approved at the November 10, 2015 meeting.

Present: Madam Chair Jane Weber, Commissioner Jim Larson and Commissioner Joe Briggs.

Staff: Tanya Huston, Kim Hulten, Jamie Bailey, Susan Shannon, Michaela Fraser, Bonnie Fogerty and Rina Fontana Moore.

Public members; Aart Dolman, Diane Koltke, Sparky Koltke, and John Watts.

Reading of the Commissioners calendar: Bonnie Fogerty, read the weekly calendar.

Consent agenda: Commissioner Larson announced that consent agenda is made up of routine day-to-day items that require Commission action. Any Commissioner my pull items from the Consent Agenda for further discussion/vote.

Treasurer's monthly report of bank balances; Investments, revenues, and disbursements- Jamie Bailey read this report which can be found in this agenda packet dated October 27, 2015.

Purchase orders and accounts payable warrants: Commissioner Briggs made a MOTION to approve the purchase orders and accounts payable warrants. Approved purchase orders and accounts payable checks #256655 thru #256910 totaling \$915,215.13 dated 10/02/2015 thru 10/09/2015. Also purchase orders and accounts payable checks #256911 through #257125 totaling \$896,475.80 dated 10/13/2015 through 10/16/2015. Motion carries 3-0

Approval of the Minutes and Consent Agenda Items: Commissioner Larson made a MOTION to approve the minute and minute entries found in this Agenda Packet and the approval of routine contracts as follows; Minutes approved were dated September 29, 2015, October 7, 2015, October 14, 2015, and October 20, 2015.

♦ **Resolution 15-77:** Budget Appropriation for the Cascade County FFY 2015-2016 (EMPG) Emergency Management Performance Grant #EMW-2015-EP-00004. Total Amount: \$98,920.76 (Ref: Contract 15-164). R0314331

♦ **Resolution 15-78:** Budget Appropriation for the FFY 2015-2016 Homeland Security Grant (HSG), #EMW-2015-SS-00005. Total Amount: \$200,000. (Ref: Contract 15-165) R0314332

♦ **Contract 15-171:** The City of Great Falls 2015/2016 Community Development Block Grant Agreement by and between The City of Great Falls, Montana and Area VIII Agency on Aging. Grant Award to purchase food for Meals on Wheels: \$25,000. Effective: July 1, 2015. R0315413

♦ **Contract 15-172:** Montana Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Program, Contract #MT-CDBG-NCH-15-02. This is acceptance into the non-competitive housing program of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. R0314334-R0314810

♦ **Contract 15-173:** Cascade County & Neighbor Works Great Falls Non-Competitive Housing Projects Management Plan. R0314335

♦ **Contract 15-174:** Meals on Wheels Brand Trademark License Agreement.

City-County Health Department

♦ **Resolution 15-72:** Budget Appropriation to establish budget authority for the FY2016 Cascade County WIC program. Total Amount: \$261,219. (¼ of the total contract for the first three quarters of the year.) (Ref: Contract 15-156) R0314319

♦ **Resolution 15-73:** Budget Appropriation to establish budget for the FFY2016 BUMT Cascade County Agreement. Total Amount: \$25,688. (¼ of the total contract for the first three quarters of the year.) (Ref: Contract 15-159) R0314320 **Motion carries 3-0**

AGENDA ITEM #1

Motion to Approve or Disapprove:

Cascade County Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup: Recommendation for Full Rodeo Stock Contractor

Susan Shannon read the synopsis found in the agenda dated October 27, 2015. Susan mentioned that they had four (4) proposals to choose from. Sankey Rodeo was recommended by a unanimous vote from the Cascade County Evaluation Committee. This will be a three (3) year contract.

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** accept the recommendation by the Cascade County Evaluation Committee to approve Sankey Pro Rodeo with Robinson Bulls for the full rodeo stock contractor for the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup. **Motion carries 3-0**

AGENDA ITEM #2

Motion to Approve or Disapprove: R0314333

Contract 15-175: Agreement with the Great Falls Turf Club for 2016 Horse Racing.

Madam Chair Weber presented this agreement, by reading the synopsis found in the agenda dated October 27, 2015. She announced that this non-profit organization manages this event which has been successful for the previous three (3) years. The racing dates will be June 23rd, 24th, 2016 and July 30th, 31st, 2016. The only change in the contract was an addition of \$100.00 for garbage removal.

Commissioner Larson made a **MOTION** to accept Contract 15-175 authorizing the Great Falls Turf Club to accept responsibility for management of the Expo Park backside for a specified time period prior to the start of horseracing: AND to operate horseracing at Expo Park for four (4) race days on July 23, 24, 30, 31, 2016. **Motion carries 3-0**

Commissioner Briggs thanked the Turf Club for their success over the past three years. Madam Chair Weber also praised the Turf Club.

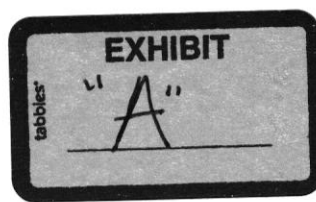
Madam Chair opened the meeting to comments in which **Sparky Koltke of 8 Fawn Drive** Thanked the Commission for their support and stated it has been a pleasure to work with Brian Clifton and Susan Shannon. It was also mentioned that they would like to expand days of racing in the future.

Public Participation in decisions of the Board and allowance of public comment on matters the Commission has jurisdiction, on items not covered by Today's agenda.

Aart Dolman of 3016 Central Avenue gave an update of the Stockholders meeting in White Sulphur Springs on October 2, 2015. He presented a summary of the meeting see (Exhibit "A"). There was also discussion on having a meeting with everyone involved.

Adjournment: Madam Chair Weber adjourned this Commission meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Next meeting date: All meetings are held in the Commission Chambers at the Courthouse Annex. The next meeting will be a work session that will be held on Wednesday November 4, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. The upcoming Commission meeting will be on November 10, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.



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attendees
from Cascade Co*

To: Jane Weber, Chair, Joe Briggs, and Jim Larson,
Cascade County Commissioners

From: Aart Dolman

Date: 10/27/15

Re: Stake Holder Report of Tintina Resources Inc., White Sulphur Springs, MT, 10/02/15

Dear Commissioners:

I wish to inform you of some of my concerns about the Stakeholders meeting, in regard to the Black Butte copper mine in Meagher County, held by the management of Tintina Resources Inc. at 10:00 am. on Friday, October 2, 2015, in their White Sulphur Springs office:

1. In general, the Tintina Copper Mine staff is well aware that its plan for the Black Butte copper mine operations will impact Cascade County. The corporation has advertised in the Great Falls Tribune for the last few months inviting the public to participate in on site visits, attend the Stakeholders meeting, placed a large advertisement board on Smelter Avenue stating that its forthcoming mining operations is a "responsible project," and Montana PBS has played several times this summer a program entitled: Changing Home: small town survival which describes copper mining as the only hope for this community's survival.

To my surprise, there were only 6, including myself, citizens from Cascade County present at the early October Stakeholders meeting. The other two citizens were members from a Helena environmental organization. It must be noted that there were no stakeholders from either Meagher County or the White Sulphur Springs community.

2. The Stakeholders meeting staff was chaired and paid by Tintina Resources Inc. He was also a member of the Montana House of Representatives. Again it was reiterated that the copper mine project had a 10 to 14 year productivity. And no mention was made of the corporations activities after the mine had ceased extracting the raw copper ore. When I asked the question of how long the life span of the plastic encased concrete combined with mining residue, one of the engineers stated that it would be for less than a hundred years. Being somewhat familiar with the history of mining operations in Montana, I am concerned that once again future contamination clean-up be the responsibility of tax payers.

3. As I stated to you earlier during your last July Commission Meeting, I am very concerned about the disposal of the mining waste water during and after the cessation of mining operations affecting the very nearby Sheep Creek drainage area. This creek flows into the Smith and Missouri Rivers and its contamination must be processed by the City of Great Falls Water Plant.

In addition, the water for mining operations comes from the mining shaft which is some 700 feet deep. This water is supposed to come from underground reservoirs during mining operations, and there seems to be no plan to deal with this water flow after the plastic encased concrete mineral waste are placed in the mining shaft. Since the mine ceases operations after 14 years, there does not seem to be a plan once the mine is filled with ground water to stop its flow into the Sheep Creek basin.

4. Since Cascade County citizens will be living in the area for many future generations, its population will be more and more dependent upon the water quality of the Missouri river. In the face of Global Warming changes, the clean water in the Missouri River will have an increasing economic value as its population expands. Since this mining project can negatively impact Cascade County, more information about this project is needed before necessary permits are granted to start mining operations.